**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A spot welding gun (1) for ~~the~~ resistance welding of workpieces (1a), including a base body (2) and a bracket (3) on which electrode holders (6) carrying electrodes (7) are arranged, wherein at least one electrode holder (6) is fastened to an actuating means (5) via which the electrode holder (6) fastened thereto is displaceable together with one of said electrodes (7) in the longitudinal direction to a further one of said electrodes (7), wherein a winding device (9) including ~~a~~ an associated strip (8) is each provided for the protection of an associated electrode of the electrodes (7), one winding device being arranged on the bracket (3) mounted on the base body (2) and another winding device being arranged on the actuating means (5), each ~~which~~ strip (8) ~~is~~ being arranged to be displaceable relative to the associated electrode (7) between the

contact surface of the electrode (7) and ~~the~~ a workpiece (1a), and wherein the winding device (9) associated with the displaceable electrode (7) is connected with the displaceable electrode (7) so as to follow a longitudinal movement of said electrode (7), wherein the electrode holders (6) and the electrodes (7) comprise means for guiding the strip (8) from the winding device (9) axially along the electrode holder (6) to the electrode (7) and again axially along the electrode holder (6) back to the winding device (9).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each winding device (9) comprises a wind-off roller (10) and a wind-up roller (11) for the guidance of the associated strip (8) to the associated electrode (7) and back again to the winding device (9).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 2, wherein the wind-off roller (10) and/or the wind-up roller (11) are coupled with a driving means (12).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 3, wherein the driving means (12) ~~is comprised of~~ comprises an electronically controllable motor.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 2, wherein a braking device (13) is provided for ~~the~~ each strip (8) to keep the strip (8) tight.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 5, wherein the braking device (13) is controllable by a control device (14).

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim ~~7~~ 1, wherein the bracket (3) has a C-shaped configuration.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A spot welding gun (1)

according to claim 1, wherein the actuating means (5) ~~is comprised of~~ comprises a hydraulically, pneumatically or electromotorically controllable drive ~~such as, for instance, a cylinder (15)~~.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 9, wherein the drive comprises a cylinder (15) ~~is comprised of~~ comprising a cylinder jacket (16), a piston (17) and a throughgoing piston rod (18), wherein the winding device (9) together with the strip (8) is adjustable via the piston (17) and the throughgoing piston rod (18), respectively.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 10, wherein the piston rod (18) comprises a guide or bore (19) which is provided axially to the piston rod (18) for guiding the strip (8).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 10, wherein the winding device (9) arranged on the actuating means is arranged on the piston rod (18) on the

side opposite the electrode (7).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 11, wherein the strip (8) for the protection of the electrode (7) extends from the wind-off roller (10) axially through a bore (19) provided in the piston rod (18) to the electrode (7) and, on the opposite side, again axially through the bore (19) provided in the piston rod (18) to the wind-up roller (11).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 1, wherein a winding device (9) is rigidly arranged on the bracket (3).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 14, wherein the bracket (3) comprises a bore (20) provided axially to the electrode (7) for guiding the strip (8).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 14, wherein the winding device (9) ~~is~~ arranged on the bracket (3) is arranged on the side opposite the electrode (7).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 15, wherein the strip (8) for the protection of the electrode (7) extends from the wind-off roller (10) axially through a bore (20) provided in the bracket (3) to the electrode (7) and, on the opposite side, again axially through the bore (20) provided in the bracket (3) to the wind-up roller (11).

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 14, wherein a further actuating element (5) is arranged on the bracket (3), via which the electrode holder (6) fastened thereto, together with the electrode (7), is displaceable in the longitudinal direction to the further electrode (7).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 18, wherein the actuating element (5) is comprised of a cylinder (15) and a piston (17) as well as a piston rod (18) positively connected with the former are arranged within the cylinder (15).

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A spot welding gun (1) according to claim 14, wherein the bracket (3) is arranged to be displaceable via an actuating means (21) arranged in the base body (2).